



WAUKESHA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.
Waukesha County Courthouse, Room 355

In Attendance:

Mr. Bruce Barnes; Waukesha County Traffic Engineer, Highway Commissioner Representative
Ms. Nicole Bauer, Office Services Coordinator; Waukesha County Medical Examiner's Office
Dr. Lynda Biedrzycki, Waukesha County Medical Examiner; Medical Representative
Sergeant Andy Birler; Menomonee Falls Police Department Representative
Sergeant Chris DeMotto; Village of Mukwonago Police Department Representative
Ms. Cristina Figueroa Soto; Deputy Medical Examiner, Waukesha Co. Medical Examiner's Office
Mr. Corey Foster; Regional Program Manager, DOT Bureau of Transportation Safety
Lieutenant Michael Goldmann, Chairman Traffic Safety Coordinator, Waukesha Sheriff's Department
Sergeant Nakia Guyton; Wisconsin State Patrol Representative
Mr. John Humm; Research Engineer, Medical College Of Wisconsin
Ms. Kristine Klenz; Deputy Medical Examiner Supervisor, Waukesha Co. Medical Examiner's Office
Ms. Elizabeth Lloyd-Weis; WisDOT DTSD, Highway Engineering Representative
Ms. Zelda Okia; Associate Medical Examiner, Waukesha County Medical Examiner's Office
Ms. Kathleen Roe; Vice-Chairperson, Education Representative
Sergeant Mark Tushaus; City of Brookfield Police Department Representative

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman Lieutenant Michael Goldmann at 1:02 p.m., at the Waukesha County Courthouse in Room 355. Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Sergeant Mark Tushaus, of the City of Brookfield Police Department, made a motion to approve the minutes from 11-10-15. Kathleen Roe, Vice-Chairperson and Education Representative seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The minutes were then approved.

PRESENTATION ON OVERVIEW OF CIREN PROGRAM

John Humm, Research Engineer from the Medical College Of Wisconsin Department of Neurosurgery presented an overview of the Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network (CIREN) Program. The center at the Medical College of Wisconsin brings together clinicians (neurosurgeons and trauma surgeons) and engineers to study real-world automobile crashes and their prevention, emerging trends in vehicle related accidents, and to help improve the prognosis and treatment of crash trauma patients. By conducting basic and clinical research for National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), they use the new findings to develop strategies to reduce fatalities and injuries in automobile crashes. Controlled accidents of up to 40 miles per hour are performed on the grounds of the VA Hospital in a full-scale vehicle crash lab, and autopsies and specimen preparation is conducted in a full-scale pathology lab. He is also willing to travel to other Traffic Safety Commissions to give his presentation. A question and answer period followed.

TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION REPORT

Corey Foster then handed out the, "Daily Fatality Report" from 02-09-2016 which showed that there have been 40 fatalities as of this date. Last year the total as of this date was 42.

Grants are in the seatbelt enforcement phase. A number of agencies in Waukesha County qualify for seatbelt enforcement. OWI enforcement is currently underway. The majority of agencies in Waukesha County do have grants for OWI. Speed enforcement grants will start in June.

Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training is available for law enforcement officers, and training is available for Waukesha County.

Corey Foster also passed out the Bills Of Interest to the Wisconsin Traffic Safety Community. These include enacted bills, and bills that have been passed in the 1st house and awaiting action in the 2nd house.

Training is also available for Community Maps to access fatalities in the county. Also if any municipality is in need of TraCS 10 or any upgrades to their current system, or if any municipality is having a problem with any of their units, please contact Corey Foster.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

❖ Wisconsin State Patrol

Sergeant Nakia Guyton, from Wisconsin State Patrol, stated that there was a 28 car pile-up on I-41 southbound at Pilgrim Road on today's date, due to a traffic slowdown and sun glare off the roadway. There were approximately ten separate crashes at one time. The crashes blocked two left southbound lanes, causing backups for approximately three miles.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS CONTINUED❖ Education

Vice-Chairperson Kathleen Roe stated that she had a citizen complaint reference the I-43 southbound off-ramp to go north on Highway 83 where in the past you could turn right on red; however, you no longer can turn right on red, but vehicles still are. Officers are patrolling the area, and it is safer than what it used to be. A study was made of the area and it was changed so you no longer can turn right on red.

A question was also brought up that in the event the turn lanes on Highway 83 are not plowed very well, are vehicles allowed to stay in the traffic lane to turn right if the turn lane is not plowed. The response was, even though the turn lanes are not plowed, you still are only allowed to turn right if you are in the turn lane, even if it is covered with snow, unless for some reason that lane is closed. If roadways are covered with snow, drivers should reduce their speed, use caution, and drive with due regard.

❖ Medical Examiner's Office

Dr. Lynda Biedrzycki, from the Waukesha County Medical Examiner's Office, handed out the 2015 Motor Vehicle Fatalities for Waukesha County.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

➡ Chairman Lieutenant Michael Goldmann reported that the Waukesha Sheriff's Department had one fatality, as follows:

● Date of Accident: 01-23-2015, 1917 hours

Location: Northbound I-43 and Highway 164 exit ramp, Village of Big Bend

A single vehicle accident involving a 2000 Ford F150 pick-up truck was traveling northbound on I-43, taking the Highway 164 exit ramp. It struck a snowbank, which launched the pick-up, causing it to go airborne. It then rolled over into the gore between northbound I-43 and the Highway 164 exit ramp. The 44-year-old male driver was extricated by EMS personnel and transported to Froedtert Hospital. On 01-28-2016 the Waukesha Sheriff's Department was notified that the driver had succumbed to his injuries on 01-27-2016, at 2153 hours.

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 1:00 p.m., in Room 355 of the Waukesha County Courthouse.

ADJOURNMENT

Sergeant Nakia Guyton made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Sergeant Mark Tushaus. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gregesich, TSC Assistant
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department

(MINUTES APPROVED ON 05-10-16)